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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF GUAM

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JULIE BABAUTA SANTOS, et. al.,

Petitioners,

vs.

FELIX P. CAMACHO, etc., et. al.,

Respondents.

Civil Case No. 04-00006

**SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES IN
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S ILAGAN
AND PEREZ OPPOSITION TO THE
ATTORNEY GOVERNMENT'S MOTION
TO STRIKE THE APPEARANCE AND
PLEADING OF ATTORNEY RAWLEN
M.T. MANTANONA**

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The motion to strike appearances and pleadings of Attorney Rawlen M.T. Mantanona and the Law Firm of Calvo and Clark was heard on January 25, 2005. During arguments, the court inquired from movant's counsel whether he knew of any legal authority that would permit Defendant's Perez and Ilagan to secure separate legal counsel. At the hearing, the movement's counsel advised the court that he was unaware of any such authority at the time. Subsequent to the hearing, Defendant Ilagan advised counsel that there is such authority as set forth in this supplemental pleading.

ORIGINAL

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2 **ARGUMENT**

3 Guam tax laws and regulations mirror those of the federal tax code pursuant to the
4 Organic Act and 48 USC 1421i.

5 TITLE 48 USC 142i
6 Sec. 1421i Income Tax

7 Applicability Of Federal Laws' Separate Tax

8 The income-tax law in force in the United States of America
9 and those which may hereafter be enacted shall be held to
10 be likewise in force in Guam: Provided, That notwithstanding
11 any other provision of law, the Legislature of Guam may levy
a separate tax on all taxpayers in an amount not to exceed
10 per centum of their annual income tax obligation to the
Government of Guam. "Income-tax law" defined;
administration and enforcement; rules and regulations

- 12 (1) The income-tax law in force in Guam pursuant to subsection
13 (a) of this section include but are not limited to the following
14 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, where not
15 manifestly inapplicable or incompatible with the intent of this
16 section: Subtitle A [26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.] (not including
chapter 2 [26 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.] and section 931 [26
U.S.C. 9311]; chapters 24 and 25 of subtitle C [26 U.S.C.
3401 et seq. and 3501 et seq.]; with reference to the
collection of income tax at source on wages; and all
provisions of subtitle F [26 U.S.C. 6001 et seq.] which apply
to the income tax, including provisions as to crimes, other
offenses, and forfeitures contained in chapter 75 [26 U.S.C.
7201 et seq.]. For the period after 1950 and prior to the
effective date of the repeal of any provision of the Internal
Revenue Code of 1939 which corresponds to one or more of
those provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which
are included in the income-tax laws in force in Guam
pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, such income-tax
law include but are not limited to such provisions of the
Internal Revenue code of 1939.
- 22 (2) The Governor or his delegate shall have the same
23 administrative and enforcement powers and remedies with
24 regard to the Guam Territorial income tax as the Secretary of
25 the Treasury, and other United States officials of the
executive branch, have with respect to the United States
income tax. Needful rules and regulations not inconsistent
with the regulations prescribed under section 7654 (e) of the

1 (3) Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 7654 (e)] for
2 enforcement of the Guam Territorial income tax shall be
3 prescribed by the Governor. The Governor or his delegate
4 shall have authority to issue, from time to time, in whole or in
part, the text of the income-tax law in force in Guam
pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

5 Congress intended that Guam should apply the Internal Revenue Code with
6 deletions prescribed by provisions of this section to persons and income within its
7 territories, just as the United States applies the code to persons and income within its
8 territory. Sayre and Co. vs. Riddell 395 F.2d 407 (9th Cir. 1968). This section reads as
9 whole, exhibited intent to apply to Guam substantiate provisions of income tax laws of the
10 United States with specific exceptions, except when manifested inapplicable or
11 incompatible with the intent to that section, and any adaption of the United States Revenue
12 Code, which could not be justified would not be authorized. Government of Guam vs.
13 Kostei, 362 F.2d 248 (9th Cir. 1966).

14 As Ilagan and Perez assert, the United States Tax Code provides the Federal Tax
15 Commissioner a statutory right to separate "chief counsel". Accordingly, the same right
16 was adopted and provided to the Director of Revenue and Taxation.

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18 Title 26 USC 7803

19 Sec. 7803 Commissioner of Internal Revenue; other officials

20 (b) Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service

21 (1) Appointment

22 There shall be in the Department of the Treasury a Chief
23 Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service who shall be
24 appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the
25 Senate.

1 (2) Duties

2 The Chief Counsel shall be the chief law officer for the
3 Internal Revenue Service and shall perform such duties as
4 may be prescribed by the Secretary, including the duty –

5 (A) to be legal advisor to the Commissioner and the
6 Commissioner's officers and employees;

7 (B) to furnish legal opinions for the preparation and
8 review of rulings and memoranda of technical advice;

9 (C) to prepare, review, and assist in the preparation of
10 proposed legislation, treaties, regulations, and Executive
11 orders relating to laws which affect the Internal Revenue
12 Service;

13 (D) to represent the Commissioner in cases before the
14 Tax Court; and

15 (E) to determine which civil actions should be litigated
16 under the laws relating to the Internal Revenue Service and
17 prepare recommendations for the Department of Justice
18 regarding the commencement of such actions

19 (3) Persons to Whom Chief Counsel Reports

20 The Chief Counsel shall report directly to the Commissioner
21 of Internal Revenue, except that –

22 (A) the Chief Counsel shall report to both the
23 Commissioner and the General Counsel for the Department
24 of the Treasury with respect to –

25 (i) legal advice or interpretation of the tax law not
relating solely to tax policy;

(ii) tax litigation; and

(B) the Chief Counsel shall report to the General Counsel
with respect to legal advice or interpretation of the tax law
relating solely to tax policy.

If there is any disagreement between the Commissioner and
the General Counsel with respect to any matter jointly
referred to them under subparagraph (A), such matter shall
be submitted to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary for
resolution.

20 The right to seek counsel is very similar to the right to a "taxpayer advocate" as
21 provided in 26 USC § 7803(c), the subsequent statutory subsection to the chief counsel
22 statute. This issue was addressed in Marangi vs. Government of Guam, 319 F.2d 1179
23 (District of Guam 2004). In that case, the courts determined that the notice of levy was
24 improperly issued due to the failure to provide in the notice, the address of the taxpayer
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1 advocate. The Defendants, in that matter, asserted that there was no such entity in that
2 the adoption of the taxpayer advocate required by the Internal Revenue Code was
3 incompatible with the intent of the Organic Act. The court felt that it was not absurd or
4 contradictory to require the Government of Guam to establish such an office. In Marangi,
5 the court stated the 9th Circuit has held that the term of "manifestly incompatible" as used
6 in the Organic Act, must be read narrowly. Holmes vs. Director of Revenue and Taxation,
7 827 F.2d 1243, 1246 (9th Cir. 1987) The 9th Circuit construed the terms as giving the
8 court the flexibility to avoid results that are absurd, on their faced, or lead to internal
9 contradictions in the application of code *id*.

10 Now in this case, as in Marangi, the Defendant has to demonstrate that it would be
11 an absurd or contradictory requirement for the Government of Guam to establish an office
12 of Chief Counsel for the Director of Revenue and Taxation. The result of this decision
13 was the passage of public law 27-139 which established the office of taxpayers advocate.

14 It is clear that the same analysis would apply to legal counsel for the Director of
15 Revenue and Taxation. Defendants Ilagan and Perez cannot see how defendant Ilagan
16 getting independent counsel would be absurd or contradictory to the intent of the Organic
17 Act.

18 CONCLUSION

19 Defendants Ilagan and Perez assert that statutory authority exists for the retention
20 of separate and independent counsel.

21 Dated: January 31 2005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rawlen M. T. Mantanona, do hereby certify that on the 1st day of February, 2005, caused the above Supplemental Authorities In Support of Defendant's Ilagan and Perez Opposition to the Attorney General's Motion to Strike the Appearance and Pleading of Attorney Rawlen M. T. Mantanona to be served upon the counsels of record in this matter by delivering and leaving one (1) copy of same at the following offices, as follows:

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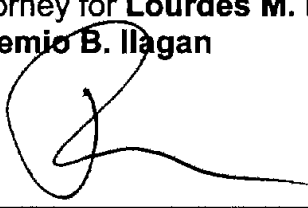
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